

## ISLAND COUNTY COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

April 27, 2016

The Island County Council of Governments on April 27, 2016 met in the Commissioners' Hearing Room 102B, located at 1 NE 6<sup>th</sup> St., Coupeville.

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<http://www.islandcounty.net/commissioners/cog/2016/>

**Members Present:** Curt Gordon, Commissioner, South Whidbey Port District Commissioner - Chair  
Richard M. Hannold, Island County Commissioner  
Helen Price Johnson, Island County Commissioner  
Doug Merriman, City of Oak Harbor Administrator  
Molly Hughes, Mayor, Town of Coupeville  
Tim Callison, Mayor of Langley  
Mike Diamanti, Port of Coupeville Commissioner

**Also Present:** Lori Clark, ILIO Coordinator  
Nancy Conard  
Eric Brooks, DEM Director  
Don Amor, Puget Sound Energy  
Keith Higman, Public Health Director  
Laura Luginbill, Assessment and Healthy Communities Director  
Bill Oakes, Public Works Director

### **CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Gordon called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

It was moved by Commissioner Price Johnson and seconded by Mayor Callison to approve the minutes as presented of the March 23, 2016 regular meeting.

### **PLANNED PROTESTS OF SHELL AND TESORO REFINERIES**

Presented by Eric Brooks

Mr. Brooks discussed the Break Free Pacific Northwest Protests that will take place May 12<sup>th</sup> through May 14<sup>th</sup>. The protests will take place at the entry gates at the Shell and Tesoro refineries, as well as via kayaks in the waters. There is an estimate of nearly 1200 people expected to attend the protest.

Don Amor with Puget Sound Energy informed the Council of the additional security that will be placed for protection at the substation to avoid any power interruptions to Whidbey Island.

### **STATE AUDITOR ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2012-2015**

Presented by Nancy Conard

Ms. Conard presented the draft State Auditor Reports for 2012-2015. She explained the process of submitting the report and her communications with the State Auditor.

Chair Gordon asked if the Auditor has acknowledged the report even though their office is having difficulties with their program.

Ms. Conard responded they are aware of their problem and she will provide the finished report to the Council of Governments.

## **COMMUNITY HEALTH ASSESSMENT PRESENTATION**

Presented by Laura Luginbill & Keith Higman

Ms. Luginbill and Mr. Higman discussed community health and made a PowerPoint Presentation “Planning for a Healthier Community.”

Ms. Luginbill provided results from the workshops. She explained the process that was undertaken during the workshops, the results and solutions. She discussed how the groups prioritized issues and the relationships between them. Some topics that were touched upon were:

- Health Indicator Scoring
- Community Health Survey
- Community Focus Groups
- Health advisory group looked at the results and there was a result of 8 topic areas
- Geographic data
- Policies and regulations that are in place
- Impact levels

The final report out will be sent to the Council of Governments as soon as it has been prepared.

## **OTHER ITEMS OF MUTUAL INTEREST**

### **ILIO letter - Presented by Lori Clark**

Ms. Clark summarized the letter she provided to the Council via e-mail regarding their opportunity to provide comments to the EPA and the Puget Sound Partnership. She explained the content of the letter; the process was extremely complicated and was difficult for smaller organizations to compete against larger organizations that have grant writers on staff. The higher ranked projects were the larger organizations. This letter is stressing that in order to keep people at the table and to have the combined process they would like to have, they need to reward these smaller jurisdictions and not just hand out money to the larger state agencies. The letter also stressed the need for flexibility. Final comment is around the funding product; the funding amount was \$100k per local jurisdiction but that is not enough money to fund priority projects.

Commissioner Price Johnson explained that the letter was to stress what can be improved in the process. She said Ms. Clark and her staff have done a great job in competing for funds. The process should be a grassroots effort. Before the letter was signed she wanted to make sure that everyone on the Council was supportive of the letter.

*Mayor Hughes moved authorize Commissioner Price Johnson to sign on behalf of the Council of Governments for Island County, seconded by Mike Diamanti, motion carried unanimously.*

### **State Parks**

Commissioner Price Johnson provided a summary of the Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission meeting held in Freeland on April 26<sup>th</sup>, 2016 to discuss the South Whidbey State Park, Possession Point and Useless Bay state park properties.

Chair Gordon stated it is important to have State Parks return to make a presentation to the Council of Governments.

### **ITEMS TO DISCUSS AT MAY MEETING**

- RCEDF
- Port Reports

The meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

The Council of Governments will meet next on May 25, 2016 at 9:00 a.m.

Approved this 25<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2016.

Council of Governments,

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**Curt Gordon, Chair**